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REMARKS

Claims 85 and 86, as amended, remain herein. Claims 1-35, 41-82 and 87-97 remain herein but are presently withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants appreciate the statements in the Office Action that claims 85 and 86 are allowed.

Claims 83 and 84 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The finality of the restriction requirement is acknowledged.

1. The title has been amended to read "Method For Manufacturing An In-Plane Electric Field Mode Liquid Crystal Element."

2. The Examiner stated that a copy of revised Fig. 24 was missing from edited copies of Figs. 5 and 24 transmitted to the USPTO on April 29, 2002. Attached is a duplicate copy of Fig. 24 (Attachment A) and a copy of applicants' representative's postcard receipt listing Figs. 5 and 24 (two drawing sheets) dated as received by the USPTO on April 29,

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2002 (Attachment B). The Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned should she require anything further.

3. Claims 83-86 were objected to for reasons given on page 3 of the Office Action. Claims 83 and 84 have been cancelled, thereby mooting their objection. Claim 85 has been amended to correct each informality, thereby mooting the objections pertinent thereto.

4. Claims 83 and 84 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kondo et al. U.S. Patent 5,598,285 and Aomori et al. U.S. Patent 5,625,474. Claims 83 and 84 have been cancelled, thereby mooting the rejection.

The case is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, she is asked to contact applicants' undersigned representative.

If the only barrier to allowance is the presence of non-elected claims 1-35 and 41-82, the Examiner is authorized to

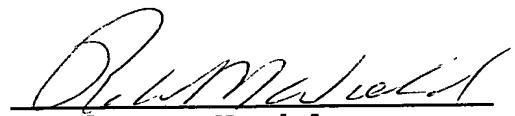
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cancel those claims without prejudice to applicants' rights to claim such subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

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Fig. 24

